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CATANIA CONGRATULATES SPECIALTY HOSPITAL OF WASHINGTON ON ACCREDITATION

HOSPITAL ACCREDITED FOR FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY

Washington, D.C. – Today, Councilmember David Catania (At-Large) congratulated the management and staff of Specialty Hospital of Washington for achieving full accreditation and earning the Gold Seal of Approval by The Joint Commission. It marks the first time that the hospital, located on Capitol Hill, has been accredited in the last 20 years. Catania thanked the owners and staff for their work, which spanned nearly two years.

“The staff of Specialty Hospital of Washington is to be commended for this outstanding achievement,” said Catania. “The process of gaining accreditation is arduous. You don’t get to this point without a lot of resolve and dedication to providing quality healthcare.”

The Joint Commission is the nation’s predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Since 1951, The Joint Commission has maintained state-of-the-art standards that focus on improving the quality and safety of care provided by health care organizations. Today, the organization accredits more than 15,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards. To earn and maintain The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval, an organization must undergo an on-site survey by a Joint Commission survey team at least every three years.

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